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Sir:

In response to the request to comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, that accompanied the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) mailed January 17, 2002, Applicants submit herewith the required paper copy and computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing. A petition for an extension of time in which to submit the Listing and the appropriate fees accompany this paper.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825, please amend the specification as follows.

In the Specification:

Please insert the accompanying paper copy of the Sequence Listing, page numbers 1 to 8, at the end of the application.

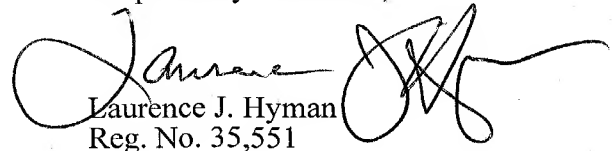
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825, Applicants request entry of this amendment. This amendment is accompanied by a floppy disk containing SEQ ID NOS:1-16 in computer readable form, and a paper copy of the sequence information which has been printed from the floppy disk.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he or she is invited to telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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